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NO CIVIL PENSION LIST.

The proposed establishment of civil possion list for the benefit of Government employes who have been thirty or more years at their desks, is a natural enough supplement to the civil-service law, but as the one, a to have been enacted, so, it is to ! hoped, that the good sense of Cou-gress will prevail and spare us the in-fliction of the other. Instead of devising schemes for in-

definitely prolonging the tenure of office and offering non-laducements to seek employment in the departments by the assurance of provision for their comfortable support when incapaci-tated by age or infimity from further duty. Congress had far better set a fixed limit to terms of official service and adopt the wholesome policy of

renovation by rotation.

There are numerous positions undethe Government requiring special training or expert scientist knowledge, to which this principle might not well apply because of the difficulty likely to be ore or less encountered in filling va perience ; but we see no valid reason for the Government's taking upon itself the life-long charge of those whom it hires to do its merely clerical work and who of their own option engage to do it.

It is very true that, at this time, ther are among these a large number of per sons who have served long and faith-fully and have been unable to save any-thing out of their generally small salaries ; others who have been compelled by stress of circumstance to enter the service late in life, and it must be admitted that the outlook for the declin ing years of such as these is anythin but hopeful or reassuring. Their case is entitled perhaps to special considera

Yet in all vocations and in all places how many men do we find who are similarly situated, with absolutely nothing to look forward to-men and women who have led lives of unintermitting labor only to find an old age of penury awaiting them; men and women who in better days have basked in the smiles of fortune and been blessings to their day and generation only to be overwhelmed by adversity at last and taunted with the cold charity of the world on the slown hill of life. Why should not the Government clark who has voluntarily entered the service of the Government take the same chances as the rest of the free and independent citizens of the Republic :

But granting that the Government should make some kindly provision for those who are now growing old and feeble in its service, the point we de-sire to make is this, that the first duty of Congress is not to perpetuate one of the most melanchely features of the civil service, but to prevent by appropriate legislation the recurrence of like exigencies in the future. This it can only do by limiting the period of employment to not exceeding, say ter years, and thereby discouraging all expectation of wintering on the Government's poor farm. Men of advanced age and physical decrepitude would be gradually eliminated, without wrong or injustice, and the younger men be turned out to shift for themselves before their ambition had become alto gether blunted.

The very worst thing the Govern-ment can do for the young men of the country is to tempt them with its subordinate clerkships, on a guaranty of retiring them on a pension thirty or forty years, or half a century after ward. There is no Civil-Service Re

Washington will subscribe to the position we take and protest against being legislated for as beggars and dop adents, whom the Government, as if for shame at tying them down to nig-gardly salaries in the days of their usefulness, had finally condessended to take care of when the days of their usefulness were ended.

Besides, a Civil Service Pension list. accord with Republican insti-Neither is the Civil Service law. The more we do away with the politician, as Bourke Cockran says, the sooner we introduce the courier. The more we pattern after British bleas, the less imbued shall we become with

We pension our soldiers, because of the sacrifices they made—the brave de-fense they voluntarily undertook of our imperiled Union—the blood they shed, the limbs they lost, the shattered frames they have out of the battle. But here let the system stop.

Ir is reported from Ottawa that the Dominion authorities look upon the policy of retaliation proposed by the American Congress as a "game American Congress as a 'game' of binf.' That's about the size of it. His to the credit of the Administration that it is not disposed to approve such for the credit of the Administration that it is not disposed to approve such for December 1899.

It is doubtful if General Bragg of the House Military Committee understands that the amendment he reported to the House, Wednesday, to the Scaute bill, relating to retired officers of the final to the relating to retired officers of the finder of the ready for the press.

army, affects almost every officer on he retired list who gained rank in th regular army through service in the volunteer army, and who are on the re-tired list now for wounds and disease incurred in the volunteer service. Or the contrary there are very few retired officers whose service has been continous in the regular army who would be injuriously affected in pay.

Title Permanent Exposition project has received an emphatic and un-qualified indorsement from the Na-tional Board of Trade. It favors the movement as entitled to the encourage ment of the merchants and manufact-urers of the country, and of special importance not to the United States alone, but to all other countries with which it is desirable for the United States to become commercially united. An indorsement of this character carries great weight, and will doubtless bave its effect in expediting the legislation required.

The enterprise of the New York Herald in furnishing its Washington York Son is also to be congratulated upon having combined with the Hershi in this meritorious effort to supply its mony readers at the National Capita with an early morning report of the cream of Metropolitan news.

The St. Louis Industrial Gasett sublishes a statement showing that the movement of Northern capital in a Southern direction continues unabated, the bulk of it finding investment in Alabams and Tennessee lost no small perion sceking the cotton, lumber and internal fields of Arkansas, and even penetrating the cool fields of the Indian Territory. Mr. Watterson's "Money Territory. Mr. Watterson's "Money Devil" is evidently bent upon kicking up a good deal of prosperity all through the South.

Ton New York Sun this morning suggests that Mr Outhwaite's bill for funding the Pacific Railroad debt should be passed at once. Careful computation shows that it will more than effect an extinguishment of both principal and interest in the time named. The Outhwalte bill extends payments for seventy years with interest at the rate of 31 per cent, per annum. senator Hoar's bill allows eighty years at 3 per cent.

Mn. JAY GOULD has a scheme on and which, it is said, he considers the biggest project of his life, and which ie is not likely to abandon until its successful consummation is assured. It is to connect the coal fields of Dakota with the port of New Orleans, and he has already secured some of the links in this long line. The Interstate Commerce bill seems to be having a stimu-lating effect on railroad enterprise,

Tun Interstate Commerce bill was passed by the House shortly before 1 o'clock to day by a vote of 217 to 41, and will now go to the President for his approval. It is safe to predict that it will not be vetoed.

Sain the Boston Globe on Wednesday: "Yesterday the Democrats gave Collins ninety six votes for Senator. Two years hence they will elect him. A few hours later Mr. Dawes was re-elected by Democratic votes. We see

The District of Columbia was well represented at the Clover Club banquet in Philadelphia last evening. There was a flow of soul, if not a feast of reason, on the occasion, as will be sent

NOTES AND GOSSIP.

MARSHAL MACMARUN of France is 78 Youse Charles Dickens is coming to the United States next fall to give a series of

Dallas Santens of Philadelphia has benn elected chairman of the Democratic State Committee.

Tan only American now in the service of

the Shedive of Egypt is Mason Boy, for-merly an officer in the Confederate navy, Ex-PRESIDENT WHITE Of Cornell has presented that institution with his valuable historical library of about 30,000 volumes.

Lond Tunnyon's health has been alling ever since the death of his son. He will spend the rest of this winter and the spring in the south of France.

James D. Scott, a brother of the late

YOUNG LADY (expecting, to brother) liob, what is the most fashionable color for a bride? Bob-Well, ste. I don't know ste. feeblon, but for me, I should profer a white one.-[Life.

This entire Scriptures contain 2,775,200 cms in diamond and 2,00,540 cms in non-parell. It would take a printer a year and a helf to put the Ferripurace in type at the rate of 5,000 cms per day.

Man. Parri, has made her will, by which she leaves helf her fortune to her husband, a fourth to the family of his brither in-law. M. Strækosch, and the constuder to found Parti prizes for the musical chicalion of young gives.

ion of young girs.

"I will, not say that the Demonrate will
nominate President Cleveland in 1883, benamed don't know i mit I fell you that It I
land any say—if it was an appositive offine
—I would appeal then to be our President
again for the next four young."—[Sonator
Fair.

Ma. Hanny Warranson seems to be very unhappy because the Money Davil is room-ing about the South, seeking whom he may

devour. Show him up this war, Cohand, There are some helps in Wall time I who will be used in the large time to the work.—I New York Tribano.

The New York Grouphic, to please a Montana correspondent who had been differently informed, and as the same time settle an important chromosome, because whether the contract of the contract o

Says the Washington correspondent of

GENERAL AND CRITICULAR.

A young man residing on Capitol IIIII, who has a rel-headed sweetheart, contributes the following testimonial of devotion:

Ion:
They tell me that your hair is red.
And I, who am so fond,
Repel the slander, as I should,
My lovely sunset blonde!

The Cleveland, O., man, whose wife yes terday killed five of her children with a pair of selssors and then hung herself, says he does not think she was insane. Mrs. Emmons should send for that man right

The poet laureate of Meade Center, Kan., paid the postage to get this tem in:

DEAN CRITTIC: I find the following in an exchange, clipped from THE WASHINGTON
CHITTING

The poetess who can make "roast beef" rhyme with "vegetables" is the kind of a poetess the world is waiting to crown as

My sex precludes me from being poetess, but Dame Nature moves me to

At daily dinner-time.
And by due process of the law
I find that both will rhyme. President Cleveland has been created Duke of Washington by Rex of the New Orleans Mardi Gras.

Hall to His Grace
The Duke of Washington !
And Prince of C. S. R., All ball! All hall can't best him, if this thing keeps on; Therefore, we do not fear Therefore, by him hall ogive film hall ght to his face, by thunder, or that is the kind of a

Figure 16 his face, by himser,
For that is the kind of a
Halfpin we are,
And don't you forget it!
He takes his Dukedom from
The Res of New Orleans!
He takes his Princeship
From the wrecks of party!
He takes sh office seeker
By the map of the neck and the
Omega of the pantaloosis
And three him down starts!
He takes his Boorbon with
Milk and water in it.
And takes things pretty
Munhas they come!
He gleo takes the eake
And gives it to the Mingwumps.
Which accounts for the odor of sulphu
At Democratic headquarters!
Over the fence is out.
But so far, His Grace is merely
Out the fence, therefore—
Rut we digress!
Halt to His Grace.

lety: Fresh young society man to Miss South, Fresh young society man to Mass South, which point of the compass is not ber name, by the way, whom he overhears asking some friends in for a Saturday afternoon musicale: "Oh, I have been delaying my party call, but I have promised myself quite a chat with you on Saturday."

Miss South, who is somewhat of a diplomat herself—"Why, Mr. Fresh, how good of you to resumber me. But do not come

This one is from the great sea of so

you to remember me. But do not come Saturday, of all days, for I keep it free Saturday, of all days, for I seep it free, don't you know, for Mrs. Cleveland's reception. I always say to my friends, come any day but Saturday. Have you been to any of Mrs. Cleveland's receptions? You really ought to go. They are so charming, don't you know."

A GREAT TRIUMVIRATE.

A GREAT TRIUMVIRATE.

The Three Men Who Control Over 6,000 Miles of Railway.

The contract by which the Richmond and West Yolut Terminal Company secures a controlling smouts of the East Tennessee's stock was signed yesteriay morning, and the stock will be transferred to day. The call is complete so far as the East Tennescee's converted, but much remains to be accomplished in order to complete the gigattle schemes of those is control of the Terminal Company.

It is expected that the Norfolk and Western will yet be throught under control, only it will come in upon terms distated by the Terminal Company, not by itself. That the extent and power of the newly-created system is fully recognized in the South appears in the following extract from an editorial in the Atlanta Constitution of Westersday:

"There are perhaps three men in New

from an editorial in the Atlants Constitution of Wedgesday:

"There are perhaps three men in New York, say General T. M. Logan and Messrs, Affred Suily and Issae L. Elles, who practically control every railroad runoling to and out of Atlanta, except the State road. These three gentlemen represent in all probability every element of the pool tolar rans through the West Point Terminal Compony, own a majority of the Richmond and Danville stock, Georgia Central stock and East Teinnessee stock. Here, then, are three mest practically in control of more than six thomsand miles of railroad and a dozen lines of steamblas.

thousead miles of railroad and a dozen lines of steam-blas.

"As before stated, they control every line utualing in and out of Atlanta except one, which is owned by the State. They control every road in Georgia, except the Savannab, Florida and Western. They control nearly every road in Nouth Carolina. They control simost every Atlantic port from Norfolk to Brunswick. They are practically in central of the State east of the Blue Ridge Mountains."

Life Insurance by Telegraph. A Chicago merchant decided to surprise his wife on Christmas by presenting her with a \$20,000 policy on his life; but he ne-James D. Scott, a brother of the late closed Thomas A. Scott, died at Chambershing. No man should be permitted to sit at a dask in the departments and copy efters or add up figures for a whole lifetime. He owes something more to himself and to society than to enter upon such a condition of servitude.

These may not be palatable opinions to all, but we feel morally certain that three-fourths of the clerks now in Washington will subscribe to the posi-

Better V Than X. equ, asked a small boy, who was justice any of the letters in the alphabet?"

"Yes, sonny," enswered the father readily, "I ofter miss a V."—[Detroit Fred Press.

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I have string them on a golden string.
These dated days of ours,
These dated days of ours,
These dated days of ours,
The diamond stars in beir gliftering.
Their pertune like summer forward
and when I sell in the duck alone.
When the long "boy's dash" is over and do
take my receipt from the nost,
likides warnedy many is ery breast,
and tell my boods with a libraring bonds.
My boads that receit and many no menuof the part and in preclusic downers.
Through the tware and the smiles that e

Around our sweet past hours.

Protocol them softly, one by one.
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the by fully in memory and the burder had,
And some next set does no said,
And some mention them in sound,
them were description by the sorted that,
but some were description by the sorted that,
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full many a bitter deed,
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